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2009 Dates to Remember

District Meeting changed to 11th

District Meeting 7:30pm	09-01-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	09-02-09 [2]
Deb Chief Training	09-12-09 [6]
OA Fall Weekend	09-11-13-09 [4]
Eagle Board of Review	09-10-09 [1]
SM & ASM Leader Specific Part 1	09-10-09 [2]
SM & ASM Leader Specific Part 2	09-15-09 [2]
District Commissioners 7pm	09-16-09 [3]
BALOO	09-19-09 [88]
Venturing Forum	09-21-09 [5]
Cub Leader Specific	09-26-09
Cub Fall Event	10-03-09
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	10-07-09 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	10-08-09 [1]
Cub Leader Specific	10-10-09 [90]
District Meeting 7:30pm	10-13-09 [1]
Fall Camporee	10-16-18-09
Venturing Forum	10-19-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	10-21-09 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	11-03-09 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	11-04-09 [2]
Scouting for Food – Bag Drop off	11-07-09
Eagle Board of Review	11-12-09 [1]
Popcorn – Pickup	11-14-09
Scouting for Food – Bag Pick up	11-14-09
Venturing Forum	11-16-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	11-18-09 [3]
Popcorn Pick Up	11-21-09
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	12-02-09 [2]
District Annual Meeting 7:00pm	12-08-09 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	12-10-09 [1]
Cub Leader Specific	12-11-09
Venturing Forum	12-21-09 [5]
District Commissioners 7pm	12-16-09 [3]

Location Key for 2009 Dates to Remember

- [1] East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Rd, Bethlehem
- [2] St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network
800-801 Ostrum Street Bethlehem, PA 18018

- [3] Council Service Center, 991 Postal Road
- [4] Camp Minsi
- [5] Minsi Trails Council Office
- [6] Camp Trexler
- [87] Coca Cola Park
- [88] Camp Serranova
- [90] St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem

2010 Dates to Remember

District Meeting 7:30pm	01-05-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	01-06-10 [2]
Re-Charter Day	01-09-10 [1]
Eagle Board of Review	01-14-10 [1]
Cub Winter Event	01-16-10 []
District Commissioners 7pm	01-20-10 [3]
Venturing Forum	01-25-10 [3]
Council Recognition Diner	01-29-10 []
District Meeting 7:30pm	02-02-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	02-03-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	02-11-10 [1]
Klondike Derby	02-26-27-10 []
District Commissioners 7pm	02-16-10 [3]
Venturing Forum	02-22-10 [3]
District Meeting 7:30pm	03-02-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	03-03-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	03-11-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	03-15-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	03-17-10 [3]
Scoutmaster Leader Specific	03-27-10
District Pinewood Derby	03-27-10 []
District Annual Planning Meeting 7:00pm	04-06-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	04-07-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	04-08-10 [1]
Venturing Leader Training	04-10-10 [3]
Boy Scout Youth Protection	04-17-10 []
District Recognition Dinner	04-24-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	04-19-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	04-21-10 [3]
District Diner	04-24-10 [1]
District Meeting 7:30pm	05-04-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	05-05-10 [2]
BALOO	05-08-10



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Eagle Board of Review	05-13-10 [1]
JAMBO	05-13-15-10 [99]
Venturing Forum	05-17-10 [3]
District Commissioners 7pm	05-19-10 [3]
OA Spring Weekend	06-04-06-10 [5]
District Meeting 7:30pm	06-01-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	06-02-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	06-10-10 [1]
OA Conclave	06-11-13-10 [98]
Venturing Forum	06-21-10 [3]
Coopersburg Day Camp	06-14-18-10
District Commissioners 7pm	06-16-10 [3]
Eagle Board of Review	07-08-10 [1]
OA Summer Family Picnic	August
Bethlehem Day Camp	07-12-16-10
District Meeting 7:30pm	08-03-10 [1]
Roundtable / OA Chapter 7:30pm	08-04-10 [2]
Eagle Board of Review	08-12-10 [1]
Venturing Forum	08-16-10 [3]
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OA Fall Weekend	09-10-12-10 [4]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 1	09-10-10 []
Eagle Board of Review	09-09-10 [1]
Outdoor Leader Skills part 2	09-15-10 []
District Commissioners 7pm	09-15-10 [3]
BALOO	09-18-10
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- [98] NePa Goose Pond
- [99] Kutztown University

September Fireside CHAT



Don't miss out on September 2nd's South Mountain Roundtable at 7:30pm. Tom Harrington, the Scout Executive and CEO of the Minsi Trails Council and John Hayes Minsi Trails Council President will be leading a fireside chat that evening. They will be sharing exciting happenings in the council including our 100th anniversary celebrations and looking for ideas and feedback from volunteers in our district.

Amy Frantz Senior District Executive, South Mountain District



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OBEDIENT**

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2010 Rank Requirement Changes



The centennial edition of the Boy Scout Handbook is now available, and with the new handbook come several rank requirement changes that will be in effect as of January 1, 2010. Please click here for the details -

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/2010RankUpdates.aspx>

Den Chief Training

September 12th 9 am to 4 pm

Get the knowledge and tools you need to "Do your Best"! Skills to keep it fun!

Who should come? Any Scout serving as or thinking of serving as a Den Chief

Where? Akelaland Dining Hall
Registration starts @ 8:30 AM
Cost is \$20 and includes Den Chief Handbook and lunch

Register for this at Minsi Trails Council Office
Any questions email charlico@yahoo.com or call 570-223-0700



OA CHAPTER 2009 DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE

OCTOBER 16th and 17th

MT3 MAW*EM*IN*UNK

TUL*PE*HAUK*EN

(to Assemble in the Turtle land)

SMD FALL CAMPOREE

Experience Minsi through
Delaware Eyes

CAMP MINSI is 60!!

Celebrate with us at the Minsi
MT3.



Register NOW for MT3 before 9/15 if you want to guarantee t-shirt availability.

Registration Packets have been delivered or mailed to ALL TROOPS.

If your Troop did not receive a packet, Email Blake Tange. at walkietalkietange@yahoo.com.

WOW: a patch & a Tee Shirt!

Experience Minsi through Delaware eyes!



Register and pay NOW or before Sept. 9th.

No shirts or patches guaranteed after Sept. 9th.

Cost: Youth = \$7; Adults = \$9

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Cub Fall Event and Webelos. Meet the Troops

October 10, 2009

Please see fliers for information on Cub Fall Event and Webelos meet the Troops on the South Mountain District website at <http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009CubFallEvent.pdf>

There is an early bird fee for pre-registration for the Fall Event. We are in need of packs and troops to run events to make this a success. Theme is Western!

Contact Marci Weaver at 610.282.0921 or smilely9@ptd.net to sign up to run an event.

Webelos meet the Troops- Webs. will have a chance to earn their Readyman Activity Badge. They will also get to see and discuss with the units what activities they do in their troops. Troops are asked to run an event that will help fulfill the Readyman Activity Badge. Contact Marci Weaver for listing of what events are available.

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009Webelosmeetthetroops.pdf>



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South Mountain District 2010 Recognition Dinner Mark your calendars now!

Date: Saturday April 24, 2010
6:30 p.m.
Place: East Hills Moravian Church
1830 Butztown Rd., Bethlehem, PA
Attendees: All Adult Scouters, Spouses, and
Chartered Partners are cordially
invited to honor all award recipients.
Start thinking now about who YOU or your UNIT
would like to honor.

Can you identify these badge?



See if you are right. Email Bob the BEAR with your answer.

The Answer to the August Badge is the Original Scoutmaster Badge. Congratulations to Bob Otnom and John Arno for the correct answer.

2009 Insomniacs' Revenge

September 25-28, 2009
NePa Venturing event

The promotional packet for the 2009 Insomniacs' Revenge is available for download at the following address. A number of files are included, so check everything out.

www.venturing-nepa.org/intro_pack.zip



Are you ready to be up 24 hours?



Also see the Venturing FORUM for updates.

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District Commissioner's Corner



Greetings all,

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer.

As your South Mountain District Commissioner, I'd like to direct you and your unit with a set of four exceptionally well produced flyers put together by National for Cub Scout recruiting. They can be downloaded from the following link

<http://www.scouting.org/WordstoLiveBy/CubScout.aspx>

Space has been left on the flyer so you can customize them with your own unit's meeting location, date, time, and contact info, either using MS Word and Adobe Acrobat, or simply writing in the info with a sharpie.

Now is the time to launch your fall recruiting effort so new folks are joining you in September (instead of October or missing the boat altogether because sports or something else grabbed their attention), with your flyer in the first-day-of-school take home packet, up on your schools' websites, or on school walls from Day 1.

As I'm sure you're aware, strong recruiting makes the pack go and grow by having strong tiger dens, bringing in new cubs and adult leaders, and having enough people around to share in the effort and in the fun. It also helps current cubs feel they are part of something special and important. This small effort can have big paybacks.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me and our Commissioner Staff for additional assistance.

Yours in Scouting,
Mike Dolan

Minsi Trails Council AREA 5 Cardboard Boat Regatta



On August 14-16th, 2009 Minsi Trails Council and Area 5 presented the 5th Occasional Cardboard Boat Regatta held at Camp Minsi in Pocono Summit, PA. 15 Crews participated from all over Area 5. The highlight of the day was that only one boat did not complete the course.

Crews had to launch from the dock, go out about 100 yards, turn around a buoy, and come back to the dock. It was a timed event. Many great themes were present from a replica Higgins boat to a floating Hawaiian luau. The Crews also enjoyed shooting at the Camp's Range and Tomahawk throwing.

In the afternoon all crews participated in a Crew Officers' Seminar, and after a steak dinner, Matthew McGovern, our Area 5 VOA President, held the first Area Venturing Officers' Association meeting in which cabinet members were voted into office. Adults present participated in an Area 5 Forum. It was a terrific event thanks to all who made it possible, especially Crew 120, AJ the Crazy Cook, John, "Pierre" Arno, and Bob "the BEAR" Monto.

Todd McGregor, Area 5 Director said he appreciates all the work, time, talent and leadership



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by both the youth and adults that made this event great. Plans are underway for a 2010 Regatta.

A Unit Commissioner is a

- ☉ **FRIEND:** This springs from the attitude, We care, we are here to help, what can we do for you?
- ☉ **REPRESENTATIVE:** We represent our belief in the ideals, principles, and policies of the Boy Scouts of America.
- ☉ **DOCTOR:** Prevention is better than a cure, so we try to make sure our units engage in good healthy practices, following the program and policies of the Boy Scouts of America.
- ☉ **TEACHER:** We participate in the growth of unit leaders by sharing our knowledge with them.
- ☉ **COUNSELOR:** We help units solve their problems.

COMMISSIONERS DO NOT LEAD YOUR UNIT



An important note about Commissioners:

Commissioners do not lead your unit (that's your job as a unit leader). They are a resource that you can call on to

help you solve your Scouting issues and concerns in delivering the Scouting program to your unit's youth. If your Commissioner does not know the answer to your question, they know who to ask to get the answer for you as quickly as possible.

District Chairman Minute



Dear fellow Scout leaders,

Although 2009 is on its home stretch, still this time of the year brings a feeling of newness to it. My wife and I recently packed up and delivered our daughter to the university campus where she

begins her second year of studies. Our son is engaged to be married and we all look forward to an October wedding. At many levels, the fall brings that which is a new beginning.

It has been a great summer of activity for Scouts. Day and resident camps evidenced incredible success. These experiences have created renewed enthusiasm as it comes to fall opportunities for Scouts of all ages. Open houses, Cub Roundups, Boy Talks, unit meetings, Roundtables, fall events, camporees and so much more are being planned, each with the renewed expectation that youth will be offered opportunities of activity available in few other areas of life. Indeed, there is much that is excellent for young people to be involved in, but the Boy Scouts of America offers what can be found only in a handful of organizations. Cub Scouts say the following, "I promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people and to obey the law of the Pack." Boy Scouts add to that with even deeper meaning as they recite, "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." These are but two of the principles that define Boy Scouting, each memorized and lived to the best of one's ability. Such core values are so very valuable to learn and live.

So, as we begin this new Scout year, I welcome you and invite you to participate with renewed passion for the sake of the youth entrusted to our care. What we do is so incredibly important. I thank you for your role and service.

Yours in Scouting, Gary T. Marsh, South Mountain District Committee Chair



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TUNKHANNOCK CHAPTER WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE #44 ORDER OF THE ARROW SEPTEMBER 2009



WITAUCHSOMAN LODGE
HAS 2 NEW PATCHES:

Our NOAC fundraiser (2
piece set) is available for \$10.

Ryan Hay, former
Witauchsoman Lodge Chief

(from SMD) has been elected the Northeast Region
Chief.

To celebrate Ryan becoming a National Officer,
our Lodge has issued the Ryan Hay commemorative
flap available for only \$5. These 2 patches are
limited edition items. They are available at the
Council Office or at Roundtable, just see Chapter
Chief Drew. Get them while they last!!!

FALL FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND at CAMP
MINSI Sept. 11th-13th - This is a great opportunity
for newly elected candidates to complete their
Ordeal and for members who became Ordeal in
2008 and before to become Brotherhood members.
LIMITED TIME ONLY ...THERE IS NO
EXTRA COST TO BECOME
BROTHERHOOD!!!! Come join us for a
spectacular weekend of great food, fellowship and
service to Camp Minsi!!!

***REGISTER FOR ALL OA EVENTS at THE
COUNCIL OFFICE.***

SMD FALL CAMPOREE OCT. 16TH & 17TH
2009 at CAMP MINSI (OA Youth are running
event)

Experience Minsi through Delaware Eyes –
Camp Minsi is 60!!! Come Celebrate with Us.

Reminder – 2009 membership dues can be paid
at Chapter meetings.

David Hay

Tunkhannock Chapter – OA Advisor

A Scout will be considered “active” in his unit if he is:

1. Registered in his unit (registration fees are current)
2. Not dismissed from his unit for disciplinary reasons
3. Engaged by his unit leadership on a regular basis (informed of unit activities through Scoutmaster Conference or personal contact, etc.)

Boards of Review Did You Know?

The Scout should be neat in his appearance and should be in a coat and tie or his uniform, which should be as correct as possible, with the badges worn properly. It should be the desire of the board to encourage the Scout to talk so that the review can be a learning experience for the candidate and the members of the board.



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South Mountain District Links

South Mountain District Home Page:

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/announce.htm>

South Mountain District Fliers and Brochures Page:

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/fliers.htm>

South Mountain District Up Coming Events Page:

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/upcoming.htm>

New BSA Health and Medical form

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/BSA_Medical.pdf

Scouter Bio Form. Fill in and email to “Bob the BEAR” These forms are used for Scouter recognition.

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/District_Bio_Form.pdf

“This is Scouting” training Link

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/news.htm>

Venturing Terminology

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/VenturingTerminology.pdf>

2010 SMD Dates to remember

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2010_SMD_Dates_to_Remember.pdf

Cub Fall Event

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009CubFallEvent.pdf>

Webelos Meet the Troops

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/2009Webelosmeetthetroops.pdf>

Jambo Flyer

<http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/JamboNewsEdition1.pdf>

Hall of Leadership documents:

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/hall_of_leadership/index.htm

Scouting for Food

http://www.minsi-southmountain.com/documents/SFF-Save_the_Date2009.pdf



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